I am writing about the proposal 02-278. Before we this Privacy number was available, we had to call the police and have a trace put on our phone. We were getting up to 15 calls per day from solicitors and computer solicitors. It was getting to the point that we didn't even want to answer the phone (not to mention all the hang-up calls from solicitors). I think that this Telephone Privacy Law should be mandatory. Only the phone company makes money off our misery by having devices such as Privacy Manager and Caller ID. These services only cost the consumer more money and don't cut don't on the number of unwanted calls. Why should we have to pay more to not answer our phone? That only benefits Ameritech! Please take this note into consideration. I am a stay-athome mom and I don't think I should have to screen calls from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day and I don't think I should have to pay the phone company for services that do not solve an unwanted problem. Thank you.

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